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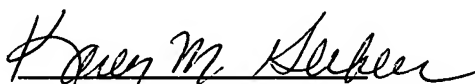
Transmitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the subject patent application:

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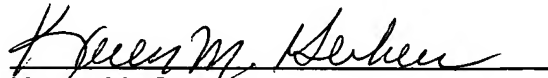
Pursuant to the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to disclose information which may be material to the above-identified patent application, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of the documents listed are enclosed herewith.

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